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FANWOOD

On Wednesday evening, May 29th, a dinner honoring Professor Edward S. Burdick was tendered by Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg, to which the teachers of the Academic Department of the School were invited, also Dr. and Mrs. Fox, Miss Barrager, Dr. Nies, Steward and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Slockbower and Mr. Morrill.

Mr. Burdick's connection with the School covers a period of forty years of uninterrupted service, first in the capacity of tutor to boys and then as instructor of backward children. He is retiring at the close of School in June because of physical disability.

The dinner was a very festive one. The tables were arranged in horseshoe formation and were prettily decorated with candles and flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick were seated at the speakers table. Songs were sung by all the guests between courses, and the men gathered around the piano to sing one selection, for which much applause was given.

Superintendent Skyberg was the first speaker, giving a brief resume of Mr. Burdick's career, and complimenting him upon his great success as a teacher. Dr. Fox was the next to speak, telling of having known Mr. Burdick from the time of his first arrival at the School and emphasizing Mr. Burdick's absolute dependability. Professeor Iles, under whom Mr. Burdick has taught since Dr. Fox's retirement, was the next speaker, who lauded Mr. Burdick's integrity, stating that he had brought a missionary spirit into his work which seemed lacking in the present-day schoolroom.

Next, Superintendent Skyberg read a tribute to Professor Burdick from Major Van Tassell, retired Steward, who was unable to be present because of the illness of Mrs. Van Tassell, and which follows:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to a man with whom I have been associated and have admired for about forty years. Having undergone a similar event myself I can well appreciate the feeling of regret that comes over one upon having to give up an active life after so many years and to be relegated to the superannuated class. From my own experience I can assure Mr. Burdick that retirement will not be as difficult as it may seem.

There will be a certain amount of satisfaction in the feeling of irresponsibility for being somewhere regularly and at a given time.

One gets so accustomed to a life of leisure that after a period of time, should an invitation be extended to return to activity, it would be considered a hardship. Mr. Burdick to my mind has always been the most upright and devout Christian with whom I have ever come in contact.

I well remember the first day he came to the "Institution," as it was then termed. He was a farmer student, with the ministry for an ultimate goal.

He began, as I did, in the capacity of a boys' supervisor. He continued his studies and received acknowledgement that he had successfully met the requirements of the University with which he had been in correspondence.

Mr. Currier, the principal, at that time, recognizing Mr. Burdick's ability, added to his duties the responsibility of a class room. Eventually he was advanced to the status of a professor and the supervisor's duties were eliminated.

Mr. Burdick's phenomenal success with backward children is well known. The many visitors who came to his classroom were amazed at the results he attained. His enthusiasm never waned.

I have known Mr. Burdick to struggle with a difficult child problem for months and have witnessed his complete gratification upon having accomplished the instruction of a few simple words or phrases.

The tabulation of his successful pupils, who would have been considered hopeless by a less conscientious teacher, has appeared in many periodicals. The profession will lose a valuable instructor, and I am confident that sorrow will be expressed by the directors, superintendent, and co-workers

upon his termination of a long and intensive service. Although our abodes may be far apart, Mr. Burdick, I hope that our friendship will always continue to be the same in the future as it has been in the past. May God go with you.

Superintendent Skyberg then read the following engrossed Resolution which had been passed by the Teacher's Association and which was presented to Mr. Burdick:

WHEREAS, Our friend and associate, Professor Burdick, has considered it wise, on account of his health, to retire from the faculty of the New York School for the Deaf, be it resolved that we place on the record of the Teachers' Association, our deep regret at his decision and, our high regard for our fellow teacher.

As an educator for forty-three years, forty of them in this School, Professor Burdick's patient interest has had a lasting influence upon his pupils; this with his modesty and uprightness of character make a standard for all to follow.

May he enjoy the fruits of his labors for many years of well-earned leisure.

This was followed by the reading of a Resolution passed at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors held on May 29th, that Mr. Burdick be awarded an honorarium.

Professor Burdick was presented with a wrist watch as a parting gift from his friends assembled at the dinner. He made a very touching speech, describing his early education and training and explaining how he had come into the work with the deaf, and telling about the success he had experienced in training pupils who were slow and who were thought to be practically uneducable when they first were assigned to his class. He expressed his great appreciation of his friendship with his associates at the School, and especially of the honor bestowed upon him at the dinner.

The final event of the evening was the singing of Auld Lang Syne and a toast to Professor Burdick.

Professor Burdick's successor, David L. Morrill, was then introduced to him. Mr. Morrill is a graduate of Gallaudet College and for the past year has been employed in the School in the capacity of Boys' Supervisor.

Thrilling a capacity crowd at the 7th Regiment Armory, N. Y. N. G., the Provisional Company, representing the New York School for the Deaf, once again won the acclaim of the spectators with a remarkable demonstration, to win top honors in the Senior Division, Close Order Drill, on Saturday evening, June 1st.

The affair was the 20th Annual Review under the auspices of the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament of the St. Jean Baptiste Church.

In all the splendor of a military setting, the beautiful and historical 7th Regiment Armory, our school band had the distinctive and complimentary honor of leading the Review before Colonel William G. LeCompte of the 107 Infantry, who acted as the Reviewing Officer. The band played in its usual grand style as 8 companies in the senior division, 9 companies in the junior division and innumerable fife, bugle and drum corps and bands paraded around the spacious floor to begin the evening activities.

For our band to be honored with leading this Review is a fitting honor to the School and Captain Edwards.

The sight that was presented to the audience made even the most critical observer nod his head and say, "Splendid!"

The Fanwood cadets were "marked men" from the start. Their enviable reputation of being one of the best drilled units in New York preceded their appearance on the floor and

much was expected of them. They did not disappoint the audience.

A noticeable silence fell on the noisy gathering as Cadet Captain Vincent Sherman led the Provisional Company on to the floor. Then followed a ripple of applause as the cadets began their tactics. This turned into an ovation which lasted until the cadets left the drill floor.

Never before have they drilled so exactly and colorfully. Their natty gray uniforms, white gloves and white belts only accentuated their precision.

Breathlessly the crowd waited for them to crack under the strain of perfection. But for seven long minutes they drilled as one man and the result was inevitable. They were awarded first place, with the brilliant Calvary Battalion trailing and the unit representing Our Lady of Perpetual Help third.

The Fanwood band met spirited competition in the band division. In the end it was only the older, larger and more experienced New York Naval Cadet Band which defeated them. With this second place went a silver loving cup fitting of the honor.

This marked the last time the Provisional Company and Band will appear in competition this season. In passing let us give one grand salute to all those responsible for this year's huge success, namely, Major Altenderfer, Captain Edwards and of course, the cadets who have carried the banner of the New York School for the Deaf to the top in military circles.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 29th, at the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William Street, at 2:30 o'clock. The following members were present:

Major Francis G. Landon, President, Mr. Laurent C. Deming, Chairman, and Messrs. William M. V. Hoffman, William W. Hoffman and Aymar Johnson, also Superintendent Skyberg and Steward Davis.

For the third time in the last few weeks death has carried away one of our pupils. Maynard Dunn, the son of George and Elsie Dunn of Poughkeepsie, was taken suddenly ill on Decoration Day. He was kept under observation and his illness was finally diagnosed as meningitis. He was removed to Knickerbocker Hospital, where everything possible was done for him. The disease was of a particularly pernicious nature, however, and on Sunday evening, death came to Maynard. Maynard will be remembered as the boy who fractured his hip last October and had to undergo a prolonged stay in the hospital, in order to insure the proper setting of the fracture. Maynard's kind disposition and gentle nature endeared him to all of us. We are sorrowful over his ill-timed passing and extend sympathies to his bereaved family. The funeral services will be conducted from this boy's home in Poughkeepsie.

On May 30th, Fanwood entertained a very large gathering of graduates and guests at a track meet, which was more of a reunion. There were nearly six hundred present. Quite a number of old grads of some forty years back were on hand, and a large number of those of more recent years brought their families along. Their children were an interesting group, taking part in various impromptu races, with an ice-cream cone as the prize to the winner. Details of the track events are printed in another column.

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NEW YORK CITY

The Field Day of the Fanwood Alumni Association, held on the school grounds on Memorial Day, May 30th, enjoyed ideal weather and brought together around six hundred people.

While the track meet between teams from the New Jersey, Westchester and Fanwood schools was the main attraction, the occasion was more in the nature of a reunion. Older graduates of thirty to forty years back came for another visit to their old school grounds, some for the first time in a decade. Younger graduates were present aplenty, bringing their families along. The children were quite numerous, and took part in various races, to the great delight of the onlookers.

The track events between the three schools were keenly contested, mainly by the New Jersey School and St. Joseph's, which had good teams in the field and developed a spirited rivalry for the large silver loving cup donated by the Alumni Association. Gold and silver medals were also presented to individual winners of each event—first and second.

The 100-yard dash was won by Thomas Dunne, (St. J.) in 10.6 seconds, but the others were very close behind. Steve Poleytski (St. J.) 2d. Edward Rodman (N. J.) 3d.

The 220-yard run was quite a thriller, with Rodman (N. J.) finishing a few inches ahead by a spurt near the end. Time 25 seconds. Dunne (St. J.) was second. Ivan Bell (F.) third.

The 440-yard walk had a dozen entrants, but in the long grind twice around all except three were eliminated, and the survivors crossed the finish line wide gaps apart—1st Sam Foti (N. J.), 2d J. Stoller (F.), 3d Sam Lentini (St. J.). Time 1 minute 32 seconds.

The 880-yard relay race was the most exciting of all, and chiefly between New Jersey and St. Joseph's, with neither team holding the advantage, till the last lap. The fleet-footed Rodman got off several feet ahead, but the equally swift Dunne was soon at his heels, trailing him closely all the way. Unfortunately in its excitement the crowd surged too close to the track, causing both to slow down at the turns, otherwise the result might have been different. New Jersey was first, St. Joseph second, and Fanwood third. Time 1 min. 38 sec.

The mile run saw a score of starters from all teams for the long trot of eight laps, but most fell out before it was half over, leaving a Trenton boy far in the lead at the last lap. The event ended with W. Gronofski (N. J.) first, Earle Chapman (St. J.) second, Ray Ambrose (N. J.) third. Time 4 min. 44 sec.

The track points were scored as follows: Five points for first place, three for second place, and one for third place. New Jersey won the cup with 22 points, but St. Joseph's was not far behind, having gained 18 points. Fanwood made a poor showing with only 5 points to its credit.

After a speech by Alumni President Capelle, the cup and medals were presented to the winners, amid much applause. Then other games were run off for the children, ladies and men. A good contest was the 100-yard dash between several "has-beens," that showed they still had some speed. It was won by Andy Pecoraco, with Henry Brown second.

After the games, the members of the visiting teams were invited to supper at the school. The crowd remained on the grounds until 6:30, when the homeward march started. A

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OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

Mr. Ernest Zell, teacher of art at the school, has the right to feel proud of the work done in the studio this last year.

Hearing there was an exhibition of work done in the studio, I made it a visit and felt well repaid for the trip.

There was much original work from the high school pupils and their work in commercial art was fine—much of it being original designs.

Some fine views are seen from the studio windows and these were well reproduced in crayon. There were only a few works in oil, but these were surprisingly good. There were samples of rafia work, braided rugs and printed cloth designs. These latter prints are cut out from linoleum—much of it being the pupils own designs.

There is quite a good bit of talent among the pupils, and this excellent showing will surely encourage all to do better work next year.

There was only one regret for me, and that was that the general public hadn't been invited to inspect this work done at the school for the deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Moore have named their little daughter Betsy Joan. As Mrs. Moore and baby are remaining in Bowling Green with her sister, Mr. Moore finds it hard to keep his mind on his *Chronicle* work, and is eager for his week-end trip to his family.

This (May 29th) is the day announced for the annual picnic for the school; but a continuous rain caused disappointment—all the more so because yesterday was an ideal outing day.

Sunday was given over to the baccalaureate service for the seniors. Mr. Nilson interpreted for the class, and Rev. Rosemurgy, a Columbus minister, gave the address. Some of the class members took part in the exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy entertained Monday afternoon for the graduates, with a tea from four to five.

A few Sundays ago Mr. and Mrs. Stakley, of Akron, came to the school, and with them was Mr. Pfunder. The latter consented to give a talk in the chapel, and the pupils, remembering him as "Pappy" in the recent play, were all excited—but for some reason the chapel services were called off, and the pupils felt disappointed. They probably thought they would see Mr. Pfunder with his face blackened.

Senior Warden, Mr. Albert Ohlemacher, has announced that there will be no more services for the deaf at Trinity Parish till September.

Over in Grove City, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Case met with an odd auto accident. He was playing in his yard when an auto driven by a young girl careened into the yard and struck the child, causing a deep gash on his head, which took fourteen stitches to sew up. He is getting along all right at present. Looks as if automobiles were to chase you right in your own yard.

Misses E. Biggam and K. Rutherford accompanied Mr. and Mrs. K. Smethers to Richwood to visit Mrs. Livingston, who resides on her farm alone and does all the necessary chores herself. They found her well and eager for good crops.

Mrs. Mary Corbett, of Bellaire, hopes to visit in Washington, D. C., this summer, and, if she can go, she is to take her daughters and a sister, Miss Dundon, of Columbus.

Mrs. Ada Anderson Stohr, of eastern Ohio, is now with a sister living in Sardis, Ohio. Mrs. Stohr is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ellerhorst, of Dayton, with their daughter, who is attending the Ohio School, expect to motor to Washington to get their son, Jimmie, who is quite a star at Gallaudet. Ohio folks have been watching the progress made by the Ohio students at Gallaudet.

Nelson Snyder, of Dayton, reports that a few of the Dayton deaf were taken in by the chain letter craze and realized nothing—although they had hoped for much. I have not heard of any near here trying their luck, although many received chain letters.

Down in Cincinnati, the women of the Cameron M. E. Church are making big preparations for the Pageant of the Brides and Comedy Show, to be given June 29th. Mrs. Albert Bender, with Mrs. Harmeyer, of Dayton, and Mrs. T. Lowry, of Hamilton, are the leaders in this. Mrs. Bender, who is quite an artist, has been busy making decorations for the show, and her work has been greatly admired. She gained her artistic talent while a pupil in the Ohio School.

The July Fourth lawn fete on the grounds at the Ohio Home, under the auspices of the Columbus Division, N. F. S. D., promises to be bigger and better than any other given by the Frats. Mr. Basil Grigsby is working hard to make it a success. Just now he informs us that a team of hearing ladies, the Wilkes Club of Columbus, has asked for a game of soft ball—a challenge, Mr. Grigsby says, to the "boys."

Mr. Ray Grayson, of Terrace Park, Ohio, secretary of the new state organization of Ohio deaf motorists, asks all those on farms in the state owning cars to get in communication with him.

Mr. A. B. Greener, while in Fort Wayne visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. K. Sherman, was amazed to see how people there let the dandelions get hold of their lawns. Perhaps they like to see the golden colored lawns.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Jacobson entertained pupils of the eleventh grade at their home on May 26th, and these good entertainers gave the boys and girls a most delightful time.

It seems a little odd to relate that tomorrow, Memorial Day, the commencement exercises are to be held at the school at 2:30 P.M. E.

Los Angeles, Cal.

The famous deaf painter, Granville Redmond, died on May 24th, in a Hollywood hospital, after a few days illness, a stroke being followed by a heart attack. He was about 64 years old, and had not been in his usual good health for some years, after a major operation, though he continued his art at a studio on the Chaplin lot. The newspapers stated that he had for the past seventeen years been a friend and protege of Charles Chaplin, and that he was well known in Southern California art circles for his marine and California poppy paintings.

Granville Redmond was a graduate of the Berkeley, California, School for the Deaf. After studying art in Paris he returned to Los Angeles, later going to San Francisco. Becoming acquainted and associated with Chaplin in pictures he again removed his family to Los Angeles.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Carrie Redmond, two sons, Gene and Hiram, and a daughter, Miss Helen Redmond, also two sisters and two brothers who live in Los Angeles and vicinity. In death Granville Redmond came back to the Garvanzo district of Los Angeles where he had lived as a boy, and also had lived for awhile after his marriage. The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, May 28th, in Memory Chapel, 2517 Pasadena Avenue. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Lash, who gave a fine address, especially stressing Mr. Redmond's attainments and the overcoming of the handicap of deafness and becoming a noted artist. Mrs. Ingram acted as interpreter. Mrs. Sylvia Balis followed with a short sketch of his career and a tribute to his character and talents. A hearing lady sang the hymn, "Nearer to My Heart, O God," interpreted in signs by Mrs. Ingram. A prayer by Dr.

Lash, then the friends filed by the bier for a last look at the departed, who looked natural in his last sleep. There were many beautiful floral tributes; on the casket was a palette, encircled by a wide border of flowers. The pallbearers were some of his artist friends. The burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Glendale.

Mrs. Fanny Defrese Hare was married at Yuma, Arizona, to Mr. Milton Schneider, on May 11th. They were accompanied to Yuma by their friends Mr. and Mrs. Billmire and Miss Grace Beisang, who acted as interpreter. Mrs. Schneider, a widow, came from Texas about two years ago. Mr. Schneider was educated at the Berkeley Cal., School.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Elmer from Tennessee, have been spending a few days here. They have now gone to San Jose, Cal., where they will spend the summer with Mr. Elmer's parents. Mr. Elmer is a teacher at the Tennessee school and his wife one of the matrons there.

The dinner at the Temple Baptist Church's Department for the Deaf on May 16th, was followed by this good program in Choral Hall:—

Opening Prayer.....Mr. Moran
Hymn: "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"
Ora Baldwin, Billy Reynolds, Lawrence Freeman, Milton Wilson

Flag Bearers:
Charlotte Easson, Genevieve Gibbs
Springtime Tableau.....By Oralists
Message (young divinity students)

Neale Thomas, Lyman Wendt
Mrs. Mildred Capt, interpreting
Benediction

Mrs. Helena Geiger, of Long Beach, gave a surprise birthday party for her friend, Mrs. Anna Cordero, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilder in Los Angeles, the evening of May 10th. About forty-five of Mrs. Cordero's friends were assembled there when she came in. She was pleasantly surprised, never dreaming Mrs. Geiger would give her such a party. After several games at which prizes were won by Mrs. F. Mount, Mr. Dyson, Mrs. J. Bixler and Mrs. Dyson, a big hamper of packages was set before Mrs. Cordero. Unwrapping them she found many useful and beautiful presents. Refreshments of brick ice-cream and coffee and cake were then served. The Mesdames Geiger and Cordero have been friends since the latter came to Los Angeles about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Geiger comes up from Long Beach now and then for the big affairs here.

The Cosmopolitan Club recently had an afternoon bridge and bunco party, with about eighty in attendance. Prizes were won by the Mesdames Price, Dyson and Doane, in the order named, receiving \$1.00, 75 cents and 50 cents. At five o'clock a nice supper was served. The committee in charge was composed of Chairman Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Genner, Misses Jones and Williams, Messrs. West Wilson, Meinken and Phil Reilly.

Los Angeles Division, No. 27, N. F. S. D., had their "Merry, Merry Month of May" dance and vaudeville on Saturday night, May 25th, at the Fraternal Brotherhood Building, 845 South Figueroa Street. As usual a big crowd was present, as the Frat affairs are always well patronized. Late in the evening there was a drawing for the door prize. Instead of having one there were six, of one dollar each. The committee in charge was made up of all the ex-presidents of No. 27, Chairman S. Himmelschein, and M. M. Miller, L. A. Fiske, C. H. Doane, A. T. Dyson, B. E. Buress, T. E. Samuelson, J. W. Barrett, L. I. Peterson, and President W. W. Verburg.

A letter was received by No. 27, from Charles Berg, of San Diego, Cal., announcing that a special day has been set aside for the deaf on July 27th, 1935, at the California Pacific International Exposition. The San Diego deaf have arranged for a reception at the Broadway pier Auditorium for the evening of July 27th, and a picnic at Mission Beach on July

28th. For hotel information, write to Mr. Charles L. Berg, P. O. 481, Point Loma, San Diego, Cal.

ABRAM HALL.

High Lightspots of the Addresses of the International Congress at New Jersey

Selections by Zeno

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ARNOLD GERALD, PH.D. M.D.

"Pope's dictum that 'the proper study of mankind is man,' has, in America, been revised to read, 'the proper study of man is the child,'"

"Science is a mixture of curiosity and reasoning."

"In America, child search is now being prosecuted in numerous universities and investigatory centers."

"We must not forget the wisdom of Harvey's remark, 'Nature is nowhere accustomed to display her secret mysteries than when she shows tracings of her work apart from the beaten path.'"

"In the same spirit, Goethe once said that 'It is in her moments of abnormality that Nature reveals her secrets.'"

"We may go on the assumption that we are only at the beginning of our understanding of the deaf child."

"We must begin such studies immediately after birth."

ZENO.

(The California teacher published his "Half-hour Lessons in Language for the Deaf" serially in the *Michigan Educator* in 1890. I insert here one of the "talks" that the C. T. placed at the top of his monthly sections of lessons:

"The greatest difficulty that besets a young teacher, is to learn to lose his individuality in that of the pupil—to think as he does, for, by knowing the scope and gross of the pupil's mental working, the processes of education are best studied. You and I are grown men, and our minds can, as fast as the electric fluid that runs along the telegraphic wire, picture to itself a revolution or read, in a decaying leaf, the laws of nature, but it may not as easily shape itself into the deaf-mute mind that wonders why 'deaf' cannot be 'ice.' It is easier to sit in the recesses of our library and, by the light of our mature intellect, our Carlyles, our bills of human rights, our institution schedules and ambitions, to decide what would best please us to have the deaf-mute mind do. In short, it is always easy to decide what the pupil ought to do or should do. Those words, *should do*, are fearful. In them, we read the history of our gropings into light. For many years, we were under their fell influence. Sicard put the question to Massieu, 'Does God reason?' and came the wonderful reply, 'Man reasons because he doubts, God knows all things and never doubts, therefore He never reasons,' and, for many years, we decided that our pupils should make as good an answer: it was the autocrat *we* who decided. By and by a teacher seized of God knows what inspiration, retired from his pupils, and, at last, out of the seclusion of his study room, came a book that said that the pupils should do this much and that much: it was the autocrat *he* who speculated for himself. A new teacher tripped in fresh from college; he might have had experience in a city public school, and he concluded that his experience would do well for the deaf children: it was again the autocrat *he* who would assume to know. A superintendent grown fat and famous, decided, of a fine morning, that it was high time to prepare a new schedule of studies which should be as good as the 'shoulds' of some other superintendent: it was once more the autocrat *he* who would please himself. Yet, all those years, we never seemed to be nearer the goal; the mistakes of the deaf-mutes never diminished. Oh, fearful were those words, *should do*. We climbed and stumbled and climbed again, with never a ray of light to cheer us on, never a guide to take hold of our hand: we met in conventions, listened to the should-dos, we, I and you, fell on each other's necks and cried out, 'What can be the matter? Oh, for the millennium of deaf-mute education somewhere in the near future.' A soft voice made reply: 'Gently, brethren, gently—stoop, approach and be nearer your pupils. For what you have taught them, they can give back only to the best of their ability and no more; take them as they are; as they have always been, so they are and will always be, and for them, no royal road lies!' Yes, stoop, stoop, and lo, at your feet, you pick up a jewel, and its name is simplicity.

"Stamp out the autocrat *I*, spurn Massieu's 'Man doubts and reasons' as a mere coaching, and hug instead the dull, old earth of actual perception and experiment. Where tortoises crawl, crawlst thou also and hopest not to see wings sprout on their shells."—Z)

CHICAGOLAND

Crowned with a rhinestone tiara engraved "Miss Deaf Chicago," during the Home Bazaar at "Flick's church," May 18th, the winner of the beauty contest at May 4th All-night Night Club turned out to be Miss Esther Dettinger! Chicago thus becomes the first city in America to select its representative for the proposed "beauty contest" during the huge frat convention in Kansas City, July 14-20!

The "Queen" and her six "Princesses" were selected by the celebrants at the Night Club—voting by ballot—May 4th, at 3:30 A.M. Adjournment came before the sheaf of ballots could be counted—there were just 30 unmarried beauties lined up on the stage. Mrs. Robert Blair provided seven tiaras for the winners, and the six going to the "Princesses" were awarded thusly:

First, Ruth Friedman, a flaming-haired collegian; Anna Faltum, demure and dainty dancer; Mary Rich, brown-eyed Italian from Deadwood, South Dakota; Mary Sare, a langorous lass like Greta Garbo; Fanny Kosnoirch, a vivid Jewess; and Marcella McAleese, the tap-dancer, a typical Irish colleen.

Queen Esther, pleasantly-plump and ever smiling, easily topped her field. She is an oralist, product of Indianapolis and of the Detroit day-school. Raised on a farm, she has that aura of perfect health and contentment. That guileless smile, that stately carriage, that queens are supposed to possess. She came to Chicago about a year ago, and plays a clever hand at bridge.

The first princess, Ruth Friedman, is attending Starrett College for Girls, a private institution in south side. She is admired for an interesting profile, combined with a rich flow of genuine red hair, rippling in natural curls. She was graduated from St. Louis School, similar to Wright Oral School of New York, and, at the present college, will begin her third year this fall.

The Home Bazaar was profitable, netting well over \$100. In charge was Mrs. Meehan, president, assisted by Mrs. Schuettler, cafeteria; Mrs. Libbey, fancy work; Miss Dries, fishing pond, and Miss Bida Erickson, candy booth. The afternoon card party was in the able hands of Miss Betty Plonshinski; the similar kind was given in the evening by Mrs. A. Migatz. Besides the other old faithfuls, two new volunteers were noted, Misses Rose Budnitsky and Hartl, who worked hard in the cafeteria.

A considerable number of visitors showed up at the Bazaar. The Ormans of Jacksonville motored Friday and arrived at 2 o'clock in the morning at Morrison Hotel, where they stayed over the week-end, leaving Sunday morning. The other couple was Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Johnson, of Kenosha, Wis. They seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Mr. Johnson has been job pressman at Kenosha News Publishing Co. for 28 years, taking charge of four presses, two of them automatic. The Willard Calkins, Prairie Du Sac, Wis., were greeted everywhere as old former Chicagoans. Others are Fred Rapp, Kenosha, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson, Madison, Wis., who accompanied the Calkins, and finally Misses Jeanette Cunningham and Sarah Young, of Indianapolis.

The son of Chas. Sharpnacks, of Oak Park, Ill., Leoroy, was married Saturday, May 25th at church, and there was a reception in his and his wife's honor at the latter's home. They went east on their motor honeymoon, lasting about a week.

Mrs. Verona Heywood died, Sunday, May 12, after a long illness.

The future of the Chicago Frat Basketball Team is doubly assured by the net proceeds of the party of pinochle-500-bunce, given at Lincoln-Turner Hall, 1019 Diversey Parkway,

Saturday, May 25th. Such proceeds as these will finance the purchase of uniforms for this team, which represents both Chicago Divisions, Nos. 1 and 106. It has ambitious hopes of meeting other frat divisions, no matter how far from this city. It is looking forward to the routine practice this coming fall with enthusiasm.

Owen Study, Omaha's master chess-crack, spent a week seeing the sights around Chicago's town-pump. He went to Cubs Field to see "Casey at the Bat" in reality—even as he often gave it in sign-song.

The latest figures on the May 4th All-night Night Club for the benefit of the Home for the Aged Deaf, are around \$300 net proceeds, including about \$125 donations, which will be listed later if possible. The first donation was from Chicago Division, No. 106, amounting to \$10. These figures do not include food donations, however. Chicago has a heart. So has every town in Illinois wherever the deaf are. The returns from other towns, as brought in by Henry Rutherford on his monthly rounds, are most encouraging, and will be itemized in later issues.

The gentleman who so ably handled the financial side of the night club was Robert O. Blair. Nor was Harold G. Libbey slow in his expressions of appreciation to those who cooperated with him. To each one of them, he sent an "autographed" program of the night. On the front page he typed a verse, and personally signed his name, as follows:

"Just a little 'membrance you may keep,
That you may know appreciation is deep,
For your kind and unstinting aid,
To the "Old Home" has so richly paid,
A dividend of money and of good cheer,
Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars,
OUR gift this year.
Thank you!

Harold G. Libbey."

Fred Lee, staff-artist on the *Chicago American*, was called home to Lincoln, Neb., May 24th, by the sudden death of his mother there.

Mesdames Joe Miller and Anton Taznar are attending the Golden Jubilee of the Minnesota School at Faribault, the end of May.

John B. Davis, graduate of the local day schools, has been awarded his "G" for meritorious services as manager of the Gallaudet College wrestling team, winners of the District of Columbia A. A. U. team-title. Miss Ruth Yeager, from down-state, won the college archery title, possibly in preparation for a future competition with that most noted archer of them all, Dan Cupid.

Those who have been urging Chicago's John Chudzigiewicz, a June graduate at Jacksonville, to attend Gallaudet College, are pointing out the marks of our Polish Olympic javelin champion in comparison with the winners' records in Gallaudet's latest dual-meet ("Chud's" marks come first): Javelin, 180-158:6; Shot, 43:4-39:6; Discus, 118-108:10. The boys folks are poor, however, so our gentlemanly giant may be unable to matriculate next fall.

The summer home of Robert O. Blairs, known as Rob-O-Rill Crest, at Fontana, Wis., has been completely remodeled. Formerly a house of fourteen rooms, it now has twenty.

The Ephpheta Social Club put across a card-bunco party at 635 Ashland Boulevard, May 29th, in the evening, sponsored by the active Mrs. C. Stephens.

PETER J. LIVSHIS.

3811 W. Harrison St.

Official Call for the Johnstown Convention

(I.P.F. please copy)

By vote of the Board of Managers, official call is hereby given to the members of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf to meet in Johnstown, Pa., August 30-31, September 1-2, 1935, for the 49th session.

EDWIN C. RITCHIE, *President*
HENRY J. PULVER, *Secretary*

Campus Pillars Presented Today to Commemorate Fifty Years of Teaching

Today Dr. James Lewis Smith completes fifty years of active connection with the Minnesota School for the Deaf, and in commemoration of the event the faculty this morning presented the school with two pillars at the Fifth Street entrance to the campus as a tribute to Dr. Smith, who has so many years entered the campus at this point. The entrance will hereafter be known as the J. L. Smith Entrance. The presentation was one of the features of Class Day exercises at the school.

The presentation of the pillars was made by V. R. Spence who paid high tribute to the loyal service of Dr. Smith for half a century.

"After fifty years of faithful and efficient service, Dr. Smith has chosen to retire from active connections with our school," Mr. Spence said. "Since the foundation of our school was laid, this record has not been equalled. Two superintendents and several teachers have in the past devoted many years toward the education of the deaf in our state, but none reached the half a century milestone.

"Like a grape vine which bears luscious fruit year after year, Dr. Smith has labored without expecting a reward beyond the pleasure of knowing that he has done his duty toward the school and his fellowmen. The amount of work which he has accomplished and the good he has done are beyond measure. His influence has been felt far and wide. He was never ostentatious. Although he was often overburdened with work, he performed his tasks cheerfully; it was not in his nature to complain. We sincerely regret that he is no longer connected with the school, but he will still reign in our hearts. His life work will be a source of inspiration to us and to future generations.

"These columns are a small token of appreciation erected by the hands of man, but Dr. Smith has built many monuments. They are scattered the state of Minnesota and beyond its borders. Everywhere there are former pupils of his, who, today, are fine men and women, worthy citizens of the land. Much of their success in life and their characters are due to Dr. Smith's teaching and influence.

"In the course of time these stones may crumble, but the memory of Dr. Smith and his work will remain as long as the Minnesota School for the Deaf shall exist. 'If thou seekest his monument, look around you.'

"As an appreciation of his meritorious service and excellent work, we, the faculty, dedicate these pillars in honor, and we, hereby, present them to the Minnesota School for the Deaf."

Superintendent Leonard M. Elstad accepted the pillars in behalf of the school, and congratulated Dr. Smith upon his achievement of rounding out a half century of service as teacher and principal at his alma mater. He stated that the institution had been extremely fortunate in having such a fine personality on the faculty for so many fruitful years.

Speaking of deaf teaches, Mr. Elstad said: "We have always had deaf teachers on our staff, and we feel that has done much to build our educational policies. The deaf have been 'through the mill.' They are products of our methods. They know. No study and observation can take the place of experience. When experience is joined together with breadth of vision and understanding, we have a combination of the finest kind. Dr. Smith had this wonderful combination. His mind has always been open. Therein lies his greatness.

"Deaf men and women on our staff are living examples of what our growing children can become if they apply themselves. In them they see themselves twenty and thirty years from now. We here in Minnesota have

been blessed with fine deaf teachers. They have been a force for good in the development of every child who has been a pupil here. Dr. J. L. Smith stands at the front today as one of the outstanding deaf educators of the United States. Through his retirement means the end of an active career, it does not mean the end as far as interest lies.

"It is fitting that these pillars should be erected at this point where Dr. Smith has entered the campus these many years, and it gives me great pleasure to accept them in behalf of the school. In the years to come our children who enter and leave the campus at this entrance will always be reminded that Dr. Smith's influence helped to build this splendid institution."

In a message to his friends and fellow workers, Dr. Smith stated that his service to the school had been a labor of love, without expectation of reward other than the consciousness that he had tried to do his best for the school and the deaf children of the state. The tributes he had received on the eve of his retirement, he declared, constitute reward in full measures, passed down and running over. He continued, "What I value most about these tributes is that they have come from you, my fellow workers, with whom I have worked shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart. I feel deeply grateful for all that you have done to ease the pang of regret that severance from my life work causes me."—*Faribault Daily News*, May 23, 1935.

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Incorporated May, 1925
The First and the Only Society of the Hebrew Deaf in Chicago
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Whenever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves
And not for all the race."

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As the schools for the deaf approach the close of the academic terms and prepare for the summer vacation, we note the passing out from the profession, through legal or voluntary retirements, several whose names are outstanding for most useful accomplishments. To this may be added years of distinguished service rendered with all the enthusiasm of strength and activity which, in some cases, have been above the ordinary.

The life of an executive in charge of a school or of a teacher in the classroom is generally one of daily mental activity, worry and strain, drawing heavily upon the stamina and health, sometimes resulting in the breakdown of the physical, sometimes of the mental structure. Sincere and capable daily service given in the line of instruction may be attended by an overwrought nervous system, but it is all in the day's work. Some, however, come through safely and retire much against their will in giving up their life's work.

At Fanwood Prof. Edward S. Burdick is about to retire from classroom activities after forty years of untiring devotion to duty. Trained at the Potsdam, New York, Normal School, he came to Fanwood in 1895 and served as a boy's supervisor for two years; from 1897 to the present time he has been a member of the teaching staff. He retires after a full forty years of service. In the main he has had the difficult task of teaching backward pupils and has done it so well that he prepared many for placement in regular grade classes.

One evening last week he and his devoted wife were honored by Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg at a farewell dinner in which all the teaching staff participated. He received many fine expressions of appreciation of his long and useful service, as well as a visible token of regard in the shape of a watch as a memento of the esteem of his fellow teachers. In his retirement he takes with him the kindest feelings and best wishes of all at Fanwood.

With his usual generous liberality and foresight of the benefit to deaf teachers, the announcement has been made that Dr. Hall, President of Gallaudet, has informed Mr. Roy Stewart, President of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association, that "The Board of Directors has authorized me to invite the alumni of the college to hold a reunion in Washington in 1936 at the close of the session and to organize a summer school directly after this meeting is closed. Of course, the summer school will not be held unless a sufficient number become interested in the matter."

Unless we greatly err in our estimation of the wishes of deaf teachers to prepare to make themselves worthy of the positions they are now filling, the second summer school will be fully attended by a group anxious to discover the insidious powers of "True and False." A number of us found these worthies to be terrible, yet rather agreeable, brain twisters.

The invitation is such a desirable and advantageous one that we believe it will win the thanks and hearty responses of many deaf teachers, doubly so, as coming from Gallaudet College, which has ever shown so sincere an interest in their well-being.

WE LEARN with sincere sorrow of the death of Mr. Louis Andrew Divine, who some of us recall as being, in the early nineties, connected with Fanwood as a supervisor of the boys. The son of a deaf father, who filled a position at the Illinois school, he was born at Versailles, Illinois, in 1866. At the age of eighteen he lost his hearing following an attack of scarlet fever. He entered Gallaudet College, graduating in 1894, and in the fall of that year became a supervisor at Fanwood. Subsequently he was a teacher in the Montana, Nebraska and Tennessee Schools, before going to the Vancouver, Washington School with which he was connected for twenty-eight years. Altogether he filled out forty years as a teacher.

He was twice married, and of his four children, the eldest, Louis R., is Principal of the Louisiana School, where his sister, Miss Hope Divine, also teaches.

He was a finely-built, large-hearted man, with pleasing manners and a genial disposition that won for him the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact.

The generous response made by many organizations of the deaf in New York State in response to the appeal of Mr. Harry A. Gillen towards maintaining the Gallaudet Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes is worthy of the highest commendation. Various organizations without regard to denominations have responded most liberally; this is particularly true of the brothers of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Its members have manifested a spirit of generosity highly commendable to that organization as a body.

Such liberal contributions serve as a fitting reply to the occasional slur cast on the deaf as being irresponsible dependents by those who know little about them and, it would appear, care less.

IN ANOTHER column will be found an announcement of a project to publish an improved edition of "Representative Deaf Persons of the United States" by Charles D. Seaton and Loy E. Golladay, of West Virginia.

They will welcome life histories and portraits from deaf persons, under the choice of three different plans; the publication will depend upon the receipt of a sufficient number of sketches to make the edition worthwhile. Those who are interested should inform Mr. Seaton without unnecessary delay.

IN ALL kindness we wish to call attention to the JOURNAL rule not to publish anonymous notices.

Louis Andrew Divine

In 40 years of teaching, Louis Andrew Divine shipped exactly 50 of his graduates to Gallaudet College. The April edition of *The Washingtonian*—I.p.f. of the Vancouver Wash. school—was a special testimonial to his 28 years there. A month later he died of heart trouble—May 28th, 1935, aged 69.

In those 28 years at Vancouver, 31 of Washington's all-time record of 44 Gallaudet students came from his classroom.

Mr. Divine was born in Versailles, Ill., in 1866; his deaf father taught shoemaking in the Jacksonville school. Mr. Divine lost his hearing at 18, from scarlet fever, and was the first male graduate of the Nebraska school, 1889. He was on the *Buff and Blue's* original editorial staff at Gallaudet College; graduated in '94; then served a year as supervisor at Fanwood. He taught various terms in the schools of Montana, Nebraska and Tennessee, before going to historic little Vancouver, Wash., where he had been ever since 1907.

He was married twice, the present wife being a Mt. Airy and Gallaudet girl. Of his four children, the oldest, Louis R., is principal of the Louisiana school—where his sister, Miss Hope, also teaches.

J. F. M.

North Carolina's New Assistant Superintendent

The appointment of Dr. Carl E. Rankin as assistant to Dr. Goodwin undoubtedly will meet with hearty approval of all who are interested in our School. Dr. Rankin received the unanimous support of the Board because of his splendid educational background and other desirable qualifications for the position he is about to fill.

A native of our own state, reared amidst folks of our kind, thoroughly acquainted with conditions of our state and problems of her inhabitants, having devoted some fifteen years to educational and research work dealing chiefly with social problems, and intensely interested in problems facing the handicapped, Dr. Rankin comes to us eminently fitted to take up the duties of the new position. He has been in contact with the work for the deaf through his family affiliations, and while he was appointed on his own credentials, it seems to be a most happy coincidence that a member of Dr. Goodwin's family should be called upon to assist him at a time when our veteran Superintendent is completing half a century of service to the deaf.

A hearty welcome is extended to our new official. May he find much pleasure and inspiration in the new field of endeavor.—*The Deaf Carolinian*, May 23, 1935.

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DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Theodovich, of Grosse Isle, have another son, their third child.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mantz are the proud parents of an eight-pound baby girl, born, May 17th. Mrs. Mantz was Rose Paul.

Miss Gladys Schmuck, of Fenton, Mich., and Mr. Clifton Weimer, of East Detroit, were wedded at the bride's home on April 21st. They will reside on the farm near Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bourcier, their children and Mr. E. Underhill took a motor trip through Flint, Saginaw and St. Louis, Mich., where the former's folks live and visited them on Decoration Day.

Mrs. C. Colby arrived here from Washington, D. C., last May 12th, Mother's Day. She was with us in St. John's Episcopal Church and witnessed the lovely celebration of Mother's Day. She recited a poem of Mother's Day and, Mesdames Ball, Jones, Pusey and Webster, and Mrs. Horace Waters recited the verses about "Mother." Rev. Horace B. Waters' sermon was a sincere observance of Mother's Day.

Mrs. E. Smyth is expecting her daughter, Elizabeth and son-in-law, who have resided in Florida since last Autumn. They will leave Florida on June 15th. Her granddaughter was confirmed in the Catholic Church two weeks ago.

The N. F. S. D., Detroit Division, gave a play, "House of Wu," in Kalamazoo. There was a very good attendance, and they were interested in that play very much.

On Decoration Day, there was an indoor picnic, given by C. A. D. at its club rooms. "Five hundred" and other games were played and good prizes were given to winners. Good refreshments were served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Mr. Alfred Miller, of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away about three weeks ago. He and his wife used to live in Detroit for several years. When Mr. Miller was laid off at Fords several years ago, they moved back to their home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. John Curry, formerly of Ohio, was in Texas, and stayed with her sister all winter. When the weather got warmer there, she left and returned to Detroit. She is a very pleasant lady and is staying with the Berrys.

The M. A. D. of Flint is arranging for the reunion to be held on June 12th to 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Reidinger took Mrs. Scally in their car, to go to Jackson, Mich., and they stayed with their brother the week-end of last May 11th.

Mrs. Reidinger's cousin of Seattle, Wash., visited her for the day last month.

Recently Mrs. Sol Rubin returned from her five months' stay with her folks in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rubin and their friends were in Cleveland, Ohio, last week to attend the newly organized club for the deaf there.

Mr. W. Liddy, of Windsor, Can., spent the day with Mr. Ivan Heyman-son last week. He is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Grace Davis, well-known as our welfare inspector, was married to Mr. Michael Lacey last May 30th.

Mr. Daniel Whitehead, formerly of Detroit, has obtained a job as core-maker at the Central Specialty Company's plant in Ypsilanti. He has rented a house with eight acres of land at Denton, four miles away from Ypsilanti.

Mr. Marcus Krohngold has arrived from Cleveland, Ohio, and is looking for a job here.

St. John's Ladies Service League will have a pot luck dinner at the Parish House, and will have their regular business meeting at 2 p.m. In the evening Mrs. Webster will arrange a keno social. This will be the closing meeting for summer.

Mrs. L. May.

NEW YORK CITY

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good many remained in the vicinity, and went to St. Ann's Auditorium in the evening for the Frat vaudeville. All in all, it was a great day, and the committee in charge can feel elated that everything ran along smoothly, and a nice little sum will be forwarded to the Gallaudet Home. The committee consisted of Victor O. Skyberg, Honorary Chairman; William A. Renner, General Chairman; F. T. Lux, J. Mazzola, E. Kirwin, N. Giordano, R. McCarthy and C. Wiemuth. The cup and medals were furnished by C. Sanford.

Playing to a capacity house, the S.R.O. sign in sight long before the rise of the curtain, the "Frat Vaudeville," under the auspices of Manhattan Division, No. 87, at St. Ann's Auditorium on Decoration Day evening, was well received by the huge crowd. After a pleasant afternoon at old Fanwood, many wended their way to St. Ann's, as has been their custom in previous years, to round out the day in reunion, surprised to find that a show was to be given, which probably accounted for the unusual crowd. The program, while intended to be mostly Frat in scope, nevertheless rose up to the spirit of the day, starting off with "The Star Spangled Banner" in graceful signs by Mrs. Max M. Lubin. "The Clod," a Civil War playlet, put in some "color" for the occasion. There were eleven other acts on the program, but for want of a better critic, the writer hesitates to give a full account of each act. However, there was very little to criticize, since the announcer explained that the acts were put on at the "eleventh hour," several of the players having had very little stage experience or none at all. The program:

The Star Spangled Banner..... Mrs. Max M. Lubin
"Facts"..... Louis Goldwasser and Sylvia Auerbach
"Sew and Sew"..... Harry Schavrin and W. Williamson
Recitation: "The Spider and the Fly"..... Chas. Joselow
Skit: "Rube Joins the Frats"..... Max M. Lubin and Edward Kirwin
"Carry On" (Gibson's heritage to the Frats)..... Mrs. Lubin
Civil War Playlet, "The Clod"..... Ione Dibble, George Lynch, Edward Carr, Herbert Carroll and Edmund Hicks
"Service for Two"..... Kathleen O'Brien, Louis Goldwasser and William Williamson
"Yes and No"..... Edmund Hicks and Charles Olsen
"Harlem Shim Sham Dance"..... Henry Brown and Whitey Gageles
"Our Gang"..... Connie Fernandez and Co.
"Too Many Smiths"..... Edwin Thetford, Frank Heintz, Alfred Ederheimer, Charles Olsen, Victor Anderson and Henry Brown
Recitation: "Charge of the Light Brigade"..... George Lynch, Herbert Carroll, Drum Accompanist.

To Chairman Edward Carr and his aides, who did their share of the work on and off the stage, much credit must be given. It has been quite some time since the division was fortunate in bringing in a "full" house, and it is hoped that the next attraction in November under their guidance will repeat it. Watch for the announcement to appear in the JOURNAL soon.

The Fanwood Alumni Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting at the School on Saturday evening, June 8th, at which time the election of officers will take place.

Ascher Baschen, a Fanwood graduate of a generation ago, died last week from cancer. He was a member of Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D.

Church services at St. Ann's Church will be held in the morning every Sunday during June, July and August, at 11 A.M. No afternoon services until September. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 11 A.M. The services in Newark, Brooklyn and other mission stations will be discontinued after June 9th, and reopened in October.

H. A. D.

Taking advantage of Memorial Day, the Entertainment Committee gave a "Card Party" on the evening of Wednesday, May 29th. About 200 attended. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners of the various card games. The "500" game resulted as follows: first, Mrs. Clara Miller; second, Mrs. A. Fogel; third, Mr. Joseph Fiegn. Messrs. Lester Cohen and Joseph Sturtz copped the Bridge prize, while Mrs. G. Duglatch was the winner of the Whist game. Plenty of grape juice was also served.

Fully 300 persons attended the Confirmation and closing exercises of the Religious School of the H. A. D. for Fanwood pupils, held at the spacious Temple Beth-El, on Sunday afternoon, June 2d. The following was the program:

Invocation..... Rabbi Samuel Seigel of Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Isaiah 11, 2-5..... Sidney Levine, David Zadra, Joe Selkowitz
"Rebecca Gratz"..... Roselle Weiner
Religion and Morality..... Leon Auerbach
Message from Mr. Victor O. Skyberg, Superintendent, New York School for the Deaf. (Read by Mr. Meyer Lief.)
Songs..... Morton Schlissel and Ira Lerner
"Gifts"..... Oscar Norflus, Joseph Stoller, Abe Colonomos
Address..... Emil Muhlfeld, President, Hebrew Association of the Deaf
Thirteen Principles of Moses Maimonides..... Male Confirmants
Ruth (A Dramatization)..... Fannie Forman
Valedictory Remarks..... Leon Auerbach
Confirmation of Graduates
Presentation of Prizes and Diplomas..... Emil Muhlfeld
"America"..... Fannie Forman and Roselle Weiner
Benediction..... Rabbi Samuel Seigel
Graduates—Fannie Forman, Sidney Levine, David Zadra, Joe Selkowitz, Leon Auerbach.
Senior Class—First Prize, Oscar Norflus
Second Prize, Fannie Forman. Honorary Mention, Roselle Weiner.
Junior Class—First Prize, Ira Lerner.
Second Prize, Marvin Greenstone. Honorary Mention, Bernard Argule.
Primary Class—First Prize, Morton Schlissel.
Second Prize, Harold Altsitzer. Honorary Mention, Isaac Nahoun.

Mr. Meyer Lief, teacher of this school, directed the preparations for the exercises. After this occasion, ice-cream and cakes were served.

Through a misunderstanding, the price of each lot at the plot of the H. A. D. at New Mount Carmel, Queens, L. I., is not reduced to fifty dollars yet, but it is planned, anyway.

The activities of the H. A. D. are closed for the summer season, but the Temple Beth-El will be open on Wednesday evenings, as usual.

Mrs. Ethel Dorfman has returned from a trip to Montreal, Canada, over the May 30th holidays. She met her prospective sister-in-law, Sarah Sandler, a graduate of the Mackay Institute. Mrs. Dorfman in company with Mrs. L. Teitelbaum, visited the club at Mount Royal Hotel, and met many of the Montreal deaf and some from Toronto. It was an enjoyable trip, seeing new places and meeting new people.

By the will of Abraham Cohn, who died last November, the Hebrew Association of the Deaf is made a beneficiary along with several other associations. They will all receive \$2,941 each.

Westchester Division, No. 114, N. F. S. D., has contributed five dollars to the Gallaudet Home Fund.

Juda Goldblatt is now at home after a successful appendix operation at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Byck and son spent three days at Greenville, N. Y., over the Decoration Day holidays.

NOTICE

Delegates and visitors to the Kansas City Convention of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, July 15th to 20th, who contemplate traveling by rail please get in touch with Harry J. Goldberg, 8201—19th Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. A special train carrying Eastern delegates and visitors will be arranged, affording every one a most pleasant journey.

FANWOOD

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We have been notified of the tragic death of William Lackey. Word came to us from Rural Hall, N. C., stating that this boy had been run over by an automobile while playing outside his grandfather's house. The family were making a trip South during the Easter holidays, having been called away because of the very serious illness of the boy's grandfather. William was a member of Mrs. Harrington's Class, in Grade 2A. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents of this little boy. William was a bright-faced little fellow, with a very happy and cheerful disposition and it is difficult to realize that his smile will no longer be seen among us.

Attention is invited to a correction in the announcement concerning our Commencement Exercises. These exercises are scheduled for Friday, June 14th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Portland, Oregon

Around sixty were in the basement of the Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf, to attend the party given by the ladies of the S. F. L. Club, on Saturday night, May 25th. The program consisted of Military 500, Bunco and Bridge. Prizes were given to the following: Bunco to Mrs. J. P. Jack, of Chehalis, Wash.; and Mr. Carthy, of Los Angeles, Cal. The Military 500 was won by Miss C. Coffin and Mr. LaFave. Prizes for bridge went to Mrs. W. F. Cooke and Mr. Elmer Peterson, of Salem. The event ended with refreshments and coffee. Mr. Rickert, of Scapoose, Ore., won a fine bread toaster as a door prize. Everybody had a good time. Out-of-town visitors who attended were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack, of Chehalis, Wash.; Mr. Carthy, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter, Mr. Charles Lawrence and Mr. Holmes, from Vancouver, Wash. The committee in charge were Miss M. Kennon, chairman; with the aid of Miss Zelma Barell, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Le and Mrs. Cravon.

Mrs. Elkins is now back in Portland after several months, spent with a daughter in Bothel, Wash. Her friends were glad to see her back. She will go to McMinnville, Ore., to spend a week or so with Mrs. Owens. Both were pupils at Salem, under Superintendent Knight some 55 years ago. After returning to Portland, Mrs. Elkins will make her home with Mrs. H. P. Nelson for a while. She has another daughter, Mrs. Patterson, whose husband is the son of the late Governor Patterson, of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack, of Chehalis, Wash., popular among the deaf of Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma, were visitors here. They were picked up by Mrs. E. Ziegler and her son on their way from Seattle to Portland. The Jacks were the guests of the Nelsons while here Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 25th to 27th. On Sunday the Hunters drove over here, taking the Jacks and Nelsons out for a ride to the Washington Zoo, returning to the Nelsons for supper. Mr. Jack left for home in order to get to work Monday morning. Mrs. Jack went with the Hunters to spend the night and Monday at the latter's home. After Mrs. Jack did some shopping on Monday, she left for home. They may come back to take in the big Rose Festival to be held here, June 6th, 7th, and 8th. We were glad to meet them as they both have jolly dispositions. Mr. Jack with the writer of this column took a free ride in the new electric street which will soon be in operation to replace street cars here.

H. P. N.

May 28th.

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Representative Deaf Persons in the United States

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In 1898, over thirty years ago, Mr. James E. Gallaher, then instructor in the Chicago Day Schools for the Deaf, compiled and published a volume entitled "Representative Deaf Persons of the United States." About 1905 a second and slightly larger edition of this work appeared, with about 200 portraits and biographical sketches of representative deaf persons engaged in a great variety of occupations all over the country, making up, in effect, a combination "Who's Who" and portrait gallery of representative deaf persons of the time, who were making a respectable showing side by side with the hearing in the battles of life.

Since the publication of these volumes many, if not all, of the old leaders and the rank and file represented in these books by sketches and portraits have passed away or retired from active service and a new generation has taken their places in American deafdom. Other changes too numerous to mention have taken place, ushering in a new era in the environments and relationships of both the deaf and the hearing—an era where, even in this enlightened age, it is often necessary to prove through precept and example what the deaf have done and are capable of doing in overcoming their handicap.

With these facts in mind, the undersigned persons wish to announce their intention to publish an up-to-date and improved edition of "Representative Deaf Persons of the United States," provided a sufficient number of the deaf show enough interest in the new book. They take this opportunity to solicit life histories and portraits from any and all falling under the classification of deaf persons, who would like to be included in this volume.

Such an undertaking will, of course, involve a great deal of hard work and expense. In order to make accounts balance, and to offer a range of choice, three different plans are offered prospective contributors who are requested to send their sketches with remittances in order to save extra expense and trouble. The plans are as follows:

Plan A—This plan includes publication of a biographical sketch of not more than 800 words with a 2½ x 3¼ inch halftone portrait to be made from photograph furnished by the sender. One copy of the finished book will be given free. Total cost, \$5.00.

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The sketch of the contributor's life story may be written either by the contributor himself, or by some friend or relative who is sufficiently familiar with the facts. Every effort will be made to follow the contributor's wishes as far as possible.

In the interest of uniformity and attractiveness, all contributors are urged to arrange to have their portraits as well as their sketches in the book. This can be done by sending us a print of your favorite portrait (not full-length snapshot) with your sketch under Plan A, or by sending us a cut which you may already have which was printed in some newspaper or elsewhere before—but it should not be too large or otherwise contrast too much with the portraits made under Plan A. Additional copies of the finished book may be obtained by contributors and by the general public at a price to be decided upon after it is seen how accounts balance upon publication. It is hoped that the finished book will be an attractive, well-printed and well-bound volume, valuable not only as a reference and a historical compilation, but also as a keepsake worthy of being treasured by the contributor and his family for many years.

All deaf persons who would like to have their biographical sketches and portraits published in this book are requested to send them in as soon as possible, as the date of publication will, of course, depend on how soon a sufficient number of representative deaf persons send in sketches. Sketches may be sent to either of the undersigned.

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What is Wrong With the Deaf?

Editor of the Journal:

Recently two instances of nationwide importance in their bearing on the deaf and the hard of hearing have forcibly emphasized the present lack of organization of the deaf and hard of hearing as a class. One instance is the refusal of the Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps to accept deaf persons in the C. C. C. camps. This discrimination against the deaf has been explained on the basis of difficulties arising under existing Compensation Laws.

The second instance is an effort apparently being made to foist upon the country the county school system. The idea is to cut costs. The Schools for the Deaf are to be included in these units, probably to the detriment of true education. Against activities such as these there has been no organized protest by the deaf and hard of hearing as a class. The majority of the deaf are content to sit back and do nothing.

They forget that they are in a sense their brothers' keepers, that the welfare of the deaf depends on themselves. They seem to think "letting George do it" is the wisest policy. Once they comprehended that their own welfare depends on helping the deaf as a whole we shall then get somewhere.

Only those familiar with the true state of affairs can realize how greatly the lassitude of the deaf harms the cause of us as a class. Unfortunately they are in the minority. They are wise enough to realize they can do very little or nothing. The worst of it is they get blamed for doing nothing.

The National Association of the Deaf is organized, and has been organized for the past 55 years. Its sole excuse for existence is to improve conditions of the deaf. In the recent past it has been allowed to "go to seed." And the deaf complained about it. They claimed there was no need for it. Almost a year ago a new administration took over. Within a few short months this administration has proven it is able and willing to cope with matters facing the deaf. Despite mischief-breeding calamities hurled at it, it has wended its way and did its best to create order out of chaos. What didn't occur to these critics was the fact that any organization worthy of the name must have a war-chest to fight with; what didn't occur to them was that the present N. A. D. administration started from "scratch" and accomplished what it has done without a war-chest.

Although an official of the N. A. D. I speak as a private citizen. The article is not to be construed as official. I'm convinced that the N. A. D. justifies its existence. I'm equally convinced that what has been accomplished in the past few months is merely a drop in the bucket. I'm certain that the deaf, through the N. A. D., can make their voices felt and their wants known—through concentrated action.

Unfortunately, the N. A. D. itself can accomplish very little without moral and financial support. It's fairly strong at present, but not invincible. It were foolish to ask it to go out and do battle in Don Quixotic fashion against political windmills. When the deaf flock behind their National organization and support it fully then we can expect results; and not just passable results, but big and worth-while results; such as will have an everlasting impression for good.

Yearly membership in the N. A. D. (and its sole income comes from such dues) is only one dollar. It's hardly believable that this sum is too high. Especially, considering the good accomplished for the deaf as a whole. It costs twenty-five cents to see a movie; fifty cents to one dollar to attend a social, whereas it costs but eight and one-fourth of a cent (8¼c) per month to belong to the N. A. D.

and help better conditions for the deaf at large. Surely, this bit won't break anyone. It would hardly be missed. This, I can assure your readers, is not merely a plea to join for joining's sake. But to join an organization that is willing—nay, anxious—to fight their battles. All it asks for is close cooperation and financial support.

In conclusion, may I quote part of Mr. Royal Brown's article which appeared in a recent issue of the *N. A. D. Bulletin*.

"The deaf have never asked favors. They have to the contrary suffered discrimination. That must and should end. It will end when the deaf make themselves heard. There are, after all, millions of us who are deafened in some degree. The discrimination against us is stupid. It is also mostly political. There is no person quicker to hear the rumblings of a revolution than a politician. A vigorous minority alarms him more than a sleeping army.

"To the deaf therefore I say this: Get out and fight. Back up your national association. Make it a fighting organization. Let every legislature, every political appointee know that when he refuses to recognize the rights of the deaf, when he introduces some fool law aimed at the deaf, that he is going to mix it with one of the fightingest classes on the face of this old sphere—the deaf.

"Someone once said that it didn't matter what the size of the dog in the fight was, what counted was the size of the fight in the dog. I think nothing truer was ever said.

"It is up to you, the membership of this Association, how hard you are willing to fight, how far you will go in backing up the efforts of an organization that, heaven be praised, is definitely and determinedly and, I think, persistently and pugnaciously militant. As it should be.

"If the deaf do not get together now, stand behind their organization in every way, fight with it and for it, then they are worse than deaf. They are dumb. And like dumb driven cattle."

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An Adventure

In the Washington (D.C.) *Herald* recently in an Adventurers' Club column conducted by Floyd Gibbons, appeared the following narrative:—

"While working for a Sunday paper," writes Bert L. Forse, of 1423 R Street, N. W., "I was instructed to get up a full page lay-out of pictures showing the progress of the postal service from the days of the pony express to the air mail. The occasion was the inauguration of the air mail."

Well sir, Bert had a great idea and that was to go over to the National Museum and secure photos of those little models of all ancient types of mail conveyances which used to grace the old Post Office building on Twelfth Street. The models, Bert found, had been stored in the attic of the museum along with other interesting relics of the past, but he managed to get permission to dig them up to be photographed.

These models were in the care of Sam—a colored attendant—but Sam couldn't be found so Dr. Wolcott, of the museum, gave the keys to Bert and let him rummage around up there by himself.

"The attic store room was a creepy place," Bert writes, "of semi-darkness, weird reflections and worse smells. The long-closed cobwebbed windows giving a musty atmosphere but little light to the dingy room. The dust of the ages lay on the open rafters overhead. I had a strange feeling of not being of the present but of the distant past and relics of my imaginary era lay all about me."

"I finally located the Post Office models on shelves back of a battalion of life sized wax soldiers, representing the uniforms worn in all of our wars. As a soldier's business is not exactly amusing the baby, these figures were given a very severe cast. The fierce expression of any one of them, was enough to scare you in broad daylight."

"And here I was alone in the gloaming with two dozen of them all armed to the teeth and glowering at me from every angle. Moreover I had to move eight or nine of them to get at my models. This I did by pulling my cap down over my eyes and waltzing the wax warriors across the room and propping them against a pile of colonial costumes in a dingy corner."

Well sir, Bert goes on to say, he had moved most of the soldiers when suddenly the perspiration on his brow turned to sleet and his legs turned to rubber!

Those wax dragoons he had distributed suddenly came to life and pressed forward with carbine and cutlass threateningly!

Bert couldn't believe his eyes but there it was—happening right in front of him. A big hard-boiled Continental Minute Man and a tough-looking Union soldier with a big bayonet glared at him and actually moved!

Of course Bert told himself that the whole thing was impossible. Who ever heard of wax figures coming to life? But he says the place itself was so doggone spooky he had a hard time convincing himself that he was "seeing things."

Bert says he could even see the things breathing! And that's not all, because just as he began to put the whole crazy thing down to his imagination he nearly jumped right out of his skin.

That whole wax army charged straight at him and then—well and then they collapsed to the floor in an inert mass!

And from the center of that army, Bert says, rose a little white woolly headed colored gentleman with his eyes popping right out of his head!

You're right, boys and girls, the popping eyes belonged to Sam, the missing attendant, and if you still don't believe that wax figures can come to life, Bert says, just try placing them on a sleeping colored person and then wait until he wakes up!

Wow! When Sam opened his tired eyes and saw and felt those waxen ghosts holding him down in that dim lonely attic he jumped out from under that blanket with enough force to bring an entire wax museum back to life!

Deaf-Mute Monks to Complete Church

COALVILLE, ENG.—White-robed deaf-mute monks of Mount St. Bernard have begun a self-appointed task of completing a church a member of their order started a century ago in Charnwood forest.

Among monks who will take part in the work, which will take about five years, are former policemen, a one-time truck driver, and a former London city official. All of the work will be done by hand. The stones they will gather from the fields and carry on their backs to the rocky site of the church.—*New York Evening Journal*.

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The Personal Factor in Naval History

By Capt. A. T. Mahan

Regarding the causes which determine the course of history, there are two leading schools of thought. Some writers are more impressed by the force of external circumstances upon the conduct of mankind at large, and consider as of very subordinate importance the action of individual wills. These characterize as hero-worshippers their opponents, who in the history of a period look to the great men conspicuous in it, and find in them the power which, so far from yielding to outside conditions, molds them to its own purposes.

Doubtless there is right and wrong in both arguments. Probably it may be said, as of some other contentions, that each is right in what it affirms and wrong in what it denies. Circumstances often are too strong for men. They cannot always withstand the current of events, and when they seem to control, they at the most guide.

But, even so, are they not somewhat in the case of the driver in a runaway, who by skilful direction avoids immediate wreck, gains time, and by exhaustion finally dominates, and preserves for future usefulness, the animal whose strength he could not at once master?

In military matters, including therein naval, the personal factor is especially real and conspicuous. The man cannot, indeed, always dictate the circumstances under which he is called to act, although often they themselves are the result of his previous management, good or bad; but the wills of others, either single men or the great mass whom we call "the people," are less to be considered by the military leader, land or sea, when in campaign. His officers, soldiers and seamen are expected to, and commonly do, subject their own wills to his, whence the influence of the personal factor in controlling events is more indisputably visible than it may be in civil affairs.

An instance in our War of 1812 with Great Britain is very notable, because it involves a direct contrast between two naval leaders. The Great Lakes were then of peculiar importance to the course of the war, not only on the water, but on the land as well. It was necessary to control them, and the American government had made no previous preparation.

Captain Chauncey was ordered to the general command, and under him Commander Perry for the particular charge of Lake Erie, Chauncey remaining on Ontario.

IN THE LAKE ERIE CAMPAIGN

Each had the same difficulties of preparation to meet, in overcoming which each displayed great ability and energy. There is no reason to institute comparisons between them on this score. Both succeeded in creating a force superior for the time to that which the British could oppose, and under such circumstances of superiority, achieved by his own efforts, each met the enemy.

The external chance of a good wind favored Chauncey, whereas a poor wind and other drawbacks hampered Perry. But Chauncey, by his own avowals, was deterred by apprehension for the general result should he lose one or two ships. He wrote to Perry, "In all attempts upon the enemy's fleet you ought to use great caution, for the loss of a single ship may decide the fate of the campaign."

It is, of course, a good rule to take care; but, like all other rules, one may carry it so far as to lose an opportunity which does not recur. Thus, when Chauncey's time came, and he had crippled the British commodore's ship, and the two fleets were close together, he was so cautious that he would not cast off and drop behind some heavy schooners which his vessels had in tow. Consequently the enemy escaped.

Later on the British fleet equaled his own, afterward became superior, and at the end of the war controlled Lake Ontario, to the ruin of the American campaign on land, as well. This was directly due to the conduct of one man in authority throwing away an advantage by his personal action.

Perry, on the contrary, although superior to his opponent in aggregate power of guns, met him with weak crews. Herein again Chauncey had brandished over his head the club of caution under responsibility. He wrote, "As you have assured the Secretary that you should conceive yourself equal or superior to the enemy with a force so much less than I had deemed necessary, there will be a great deal expected from you by your country. I will barely make an observation, 'Never despise your enemy.'"

With responsibility increased by this admonition from his superior, Perry had the additional difficulty of little wind. Therefore, in approaching, he had to undergo a long cannonade from his opponent, whose battery, although otherwise weaker, outranged his own.

Nevertheless, there were no hesitations. He attacked at once, expecting his whole force to imitate him. In this he was disappointed; and as two or more of the British united their fire upon his vessel, she was cut to pieces, and in the end had to surrender. He incurred the loss of a ship, against which Chauncey had warned him; but before she struck, she had done so much harm to her antagonists that by Perry's passing to another of his squadron, and bringing the rest into action, all the enemy's vessels were captured.

In consequence, Detroit, which had been taken by the British a year before, was regained, the British army was driven from the neighborhood, pursued, and defeated, the Northwest as a whole came under American control, and the British flag disappeared from Lake Erie for the remainder of the war, to the security and great relief of all American lake-coast towns.

Nor was this all. When peace came to be made, the British government wished to exact from the American that a large part of its Northwest territory should be given back to the Indians, with boundaries to be guaranteed by Great Britain as well as by the United States.

But although the military prospects of the Americans were in some respects bad, they were, through Perry's victory, in secure possession of the territory demanded; and the Duke of Wellington told his government frankly that, as they did not control the Great Lakes, they had no ground for demanding surrender of United States soil. In this way, not only immediate military command, but the final issue of the war, was affected by the intrepid action of a single naval officer.

THE VALUE OF FARRAGUT'S REPUTATION

So much is known of the career and achievements of Admiral Farragut that I may not enlarge upon them.

There are, however, one or two points of view perhaps not generally regarded, which I may therefore mention. First, the inconspicuous but very real effect of previous reputation upon a man's opportunities, and thus upon the course of history.

When the Civil War began, there was much national distrust of officers of Southern birth and associations—of whom Farragut was one. Although for the most part cruelly unjust, and to Farragut especially so, this feeling was not wholly groundless. There were some who said they would not leave the navy, but neither would they "fight against their state."

Had Farragut possessed a merely mediocre reputation, he might have

waited long and got some mediocre employment. It was the previous estimate of his professional character which lifted him above suspicion, and insured entrusting to him the most responsible and critical naval undertaking of the war—the capture of New Orleans, and mastery of the lower Mississippi with its mouth.

His high qualities as an admiral could not, indeed, be known until proved; but his personal reputation, built up little by little through more than forty years of obscure faithfulness, obtained for him the chance which he improved, to the lasting benefit of the nation and the establishment of his own renown. The period when he was unknown to the world offers a lesson perhaps even more encouraging than his subsequent brilliant successes.

It is also instructive to observe that in each of his most decisive actions the decision as well as the responsibility was wholly his own.

A commander-in-chief can never escape the responsibility attaching to his position; but often it is known that the real personal factor is some one behind him. Not so Farragut. The passage of the forts of New Orleans was dictated by his own judgment, and contrary to adverse criticism. It was done also without express indorsement by the government, whose orders to him were equivocal. The event therefore resulted from his own personal action as the decisive factor.

At Port Hudson, a year later, of the seven vessels in his squadron, only his own ship and the one lashed to her got by the batteries, which shows how dangerous was the undertaking. It was Farragut's own. This achievement insured the ultimate control of the upper Mississippi, for it cut off the supplies which came to Port Hudson and Vicksburg from the other side of the stream, by way of the Red River. With the army investing them by land, the occupation of the water completed their isolation, and compelled their surrender a few months later, as they were the only remaining Confederate works on the river.

The Mississippi thus passed into the hands of the Union, and the Confederacy was cleft in twain. At New Orleans the control of the lower river had been insured by the passage of the lower forts, which could not hold out when the fleet above them and the fleet below cut them off from communication, as Port Hudson and Vicksburg afterward were. The military effect in both instances was the same. These actions of Farragut doubtless had a most important direct effect upon the course and outcome of the war.

But, as in Perry's case, this is not all. We know that some members of the British cabinet favored recognizing the Confederacy after the Union disasters round Richmond in the summer of 1862; and, while it cannot yet be said just how much the fall of New Orleans may have affected them, it is certain that it was the greatest and most decisive gain made by the Union forces up to that time, for it carried control of the lower Mississippi.

Mobile cannot be called a decisive battle; but both in its general character and in the celebrated incident of passing the torpedo line, it gave Farragut the opportunity of showing again the same personal qualities—sound judgment, entire self-reliance and prompt decision—which definitively influenced such decisive events as the surrenders of New Orleans, Vicksburg and Port Hudson.

A very notable and opportune exhibition of the influence of the personal factor upon naval events and their consequences was given by the great British admiral, Nelson, while still in subordinate command.

In the desperate war with France and Spain, the fortunes of Great Britain in 1796 had sunk to a very low ebb. Her fleet had been obliged to leave the Mediterranean because

of the very superior number of her allied enemies, and her own allies on the Continent were being everywhere worsted by the French under Bonaparte. For these reasons, when the British fleet of fifteen ships met twenty-seven Spaniards off Cape St. Vincent, on Valentine's day, 1797, the commander-in-chief, Admiral Jervis, was heard to say to himself, as he looked at the hostile vessels, "A victory is very necessary to England at this time."

WINNING A NECESSARY VICTORY

The Spaniards were divided into two groups, and Jervis judged that by thrusting his own squadron between them, he could beat the one without the other interfering. This he effected; but as the British column sailed along between the two, Nelson, who was in the third ship from the rear, saw by the movement of the Spanish body to windward that it intended to pass round the rear and join its friends to leeward.

He instantly, without waiting for orders, turned his own ship about, threw her alone in front of the numerous foes, and by his own fire compelled them to swerve aside and abandon the attempt. The admiral signaled others to join Nelson, and the Spaniards were kept from uniting until four of their vessels had been captured, besides several badly injured; but Nelson's ship had borne the brunt of the fighting, and saved the day.

She lost in killed and wounded one-third of all that fell in the whole British fifteen, and herself took two of the prizes. Probably some more could have been secured, even from amid their comrades; but the admiral had won the victory he thought necessary for England, and would not risk turning it into anything that might resemble a check.

The brilliancy of this success was due to Nelson's personal action, and it had very great effect also upon the course of the war; for from that time the British people knew that they had two great naval leaders, Jervis and Nelson, and understood that the Spanish navy, although formidable in numbers, was not really a foe to be taken into serious account. Despite it, as a national anthem ran, still might "Britannia rule the waves."

Such results, commonly called moral, are as truly determinative as are material successes. Naval officers had already measured the incompetency of Spanish seamen; but that the British government, a year later, dared send into the Mediterranean the fleet under Nelson, which won the great Battle of the Nile, was doubtless due in large part to this demonstration of his ability, and to the certainty that the Spaniards need not be reckoned with.

Like Perry on Lake Erie, and Farragut at New Orleans, Nelson's action continued to influence events long after the battle was won. To the prompt and happy inspiration which led him at St. Vincent to bar the way against a vastly superior force is legitimately to be traced the downfall of Bonaparte's expedition against Egypt, and the present possession of Malta by Great Britain.

The instances so far cited have shown immediate personal effect in battle, issuing in subsequent direct modification of historical events. It is well next to take a case of a personal influence exerted upon the progressive development of naval efficiency and character, transmitted through two generations, and so operative upon great issues after the man's death.

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Undesirable Sport

All sorts of discomforts are suffered in the name of pleasure. Baron de Grancey, however, once reached the limit of his endurance, and thereafter took his fun in another way. This experience he gained during a tiger-hunt in Cochin-China. He relates it in "Cowboys and Colonels."

I had a platform built in a tree, and with a calf tied below for bait, I started in for a night's watch. The darkness came suddenly, as it does in the tropics, and I was just thinking I could enjoy a little nap before the tigers came along when I felt a sharp sting in my left leg. By the feeble light of the stars I saw a procession of ants scaling the leg—little black things.

I got up, shook them off, and sat down again, only to feel another procession on my other leg. This line was red—great red monsters, advancing in good order, with superior officers at the head, and throwing out skirmishing parties which left very sensible traces of their course. Then came a fierce onslaught from an advance-guard of mosquitoes.

Catching my first rifle, I prepared to descend the ladder. I had taken but a step or so when I heard a low growl, which made me remount with a bound. Then came an answering growl. No sooner was I on the platform than the ants and mosquitoes renewed their hostilities. Three or four times I was driven to descend, but each time a growl drove me back.

It seemed as if one tiger said to the other, "Wait, my friend. I will take him by the leg as he comes down the ladder, and then we'll have something delicate for supper."

At six in the morning, when the men came to look for me, my head was swelled the size of a pumpkin and my legs burned as if they had been scalded.

I never returned to lie in wait for a tiger, and I never recommended this kind of sport, save to a tourist, who had pursued me for three days with questions on statistics.

The Same Old Mother

"Now, Jamie," said a school-teacher, "if there were only one pie for dessert, and there were five of you children and papa and mama to divide it among, how large a piece would you get?"

"One sixth," replied Jamie promptly.

"But there would be seven people there, Jamie. Don't you know how many times seven goes into one?"

Yes'm—and I know my mother. She'd say she wasn't hungry for pie that day. I'd get one-sixth.

The Eternal Sea

Edith is one of the children in a household where Sabbath observances are of the old-school type of severity.

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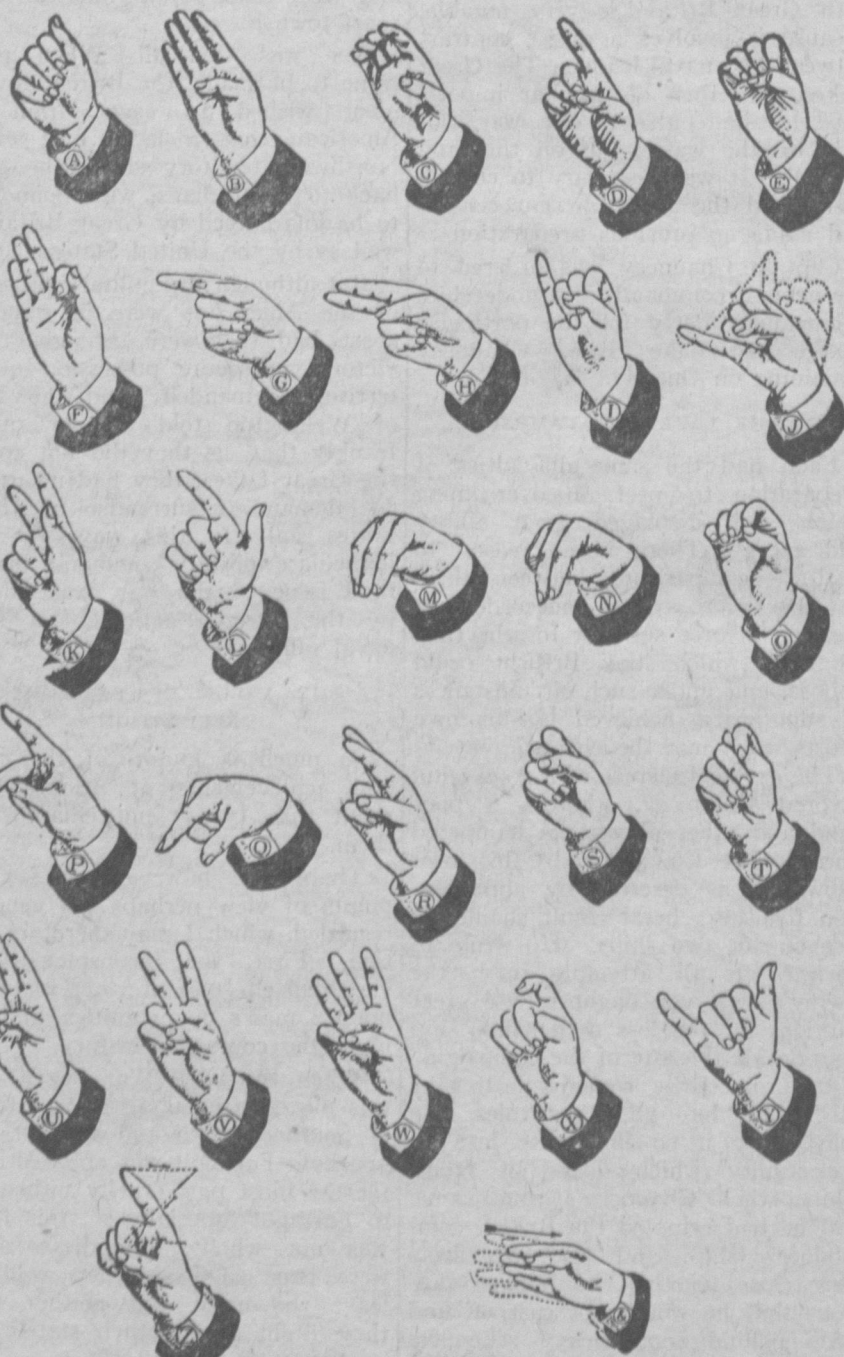
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